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E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB, MA
SUDJ: VISIT AALC REPRESENTATIVE

REF: STATE 69959

SUMMARY: EMBASSY DISCUSSED PROPOSED AALC GRANT TO MALAGASY TRADE UNION WITH GOMR OFFICIAL. DEFINITIVE GOMR REACTION AWAITS HIGHER LEVEL CONSIDERATION. END SUMMARY.

1. ON BASIS REFTEL INFO, I DISCUSSED PROPOSED AALC GRANT TO FEDERATION OF MALAGASY WORKERS (FMM) APRIL 17 WITH APPROPRIATE GOMR OFFICIAL. I POINTED OUT GRANT TO BE USED FOR TRADE UNION PURPOSES, AND NOT FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, AND WAS IN NO MANNER INTENDED AS INTERFERENCE IN MALAGASY POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

2. OFFICIAL STATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS QUESTION WITH OTHER OFFICIALS IN GOVT BEFORE GIVING DEFINITIVE REACTION. HE FELT NO A PRIORI OBJECTION TO GRANT TO FMM FOR TRADE UNION PURPOSES, BUT SAID GOVT WOULD WANT EXAMINE THIS FROM STAND-POINT OF PRECEDENT CREATED. I SAID I WAS SURE NO PUBLICITY WAS ENVISAGED ON GRANT, BUT ACKNOWLEDGED HIS POINT THAT EXTENSION OF GRANT COULD LEAK OUT.

3. I ASKED WHETHER TRADE UNIONS AFFILIATED WITH PRO- SOVIET
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AFKM DO NOT GET GRANTS EITHER DIRECTLY
OR THROUGH AFKM FROM EASTER

EUROPEAN SOURCES. HE STATED SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS FOR VISITS ARE PROVIDED, BUT INDICATED GOVT NOT AWARE WHETHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE EXTENDED TO THESE UNIONS CLANDESTINELY.

4. I NOTED BROMBART PASSING THROUGH MADAGASCAR IN TRANSIT ON APR 24 AND REQUESTED FURTHER GOMR REACTION BEFORLREADY PLANNED. THE MOST LIKELY ADDITION TO THE SCHEDULE WOULD BE SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING IN BRUSSELS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 2.

5. WE HAVE COORDINATED THIS MESSAGE WITH AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS, USNATO AND AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE. GREENWALD

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